

Iran wants dialogue with U.S.

TEL AVIV, April 15 (R). — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called today for an immediate frank discussion with the United States to work out differences between the two countries on Middle East peace policies. "Despite our differences with the U.S. over Middle East peace policies I am sure they can be reconciled. I should like to see an immediate frank dialogue in Washington," he said. He felt there was a "good chance" of the stalled Israeli-Egyptian peace talks being revived, but it probably would come only after Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington at the end of the month.

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Waldheim continues talks in Vienna on Cypriot negotiations

NA, April 15 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim today held a third meeting with Turkish-Cypriot envoys on next steps towards reconvening inter-communal talks in Cyprus. Diplomatic sources said Mr. Waldheim was almost certain to visit Nicosia next week, probably on Wednesday, to try to persuade Greek-Cypriot leaders to attend a fresh round of talks, recessed since 1977. Sources said Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou told Waldheim by telephone that Turkish-Cypriot proposals to the U.N. chief earlier this week were unacceptable as a basis for resuming the inter-communal negotiations.

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In Nicosia, the Cyprus government today accused Britain's Foreign Office of making precipitate comments on the new Turkish-Cypriot proposals.

The Cypriots reacted to reports quoting British officials as saying yesterday that Britain bopped the latest Turkish-Cypriot proposals would lead to resumed inter-communal talks.

The government spokesman in Nicosia said: "It was amazing that such statements should be made before the Cypriot government and the Greek-Cypriot side officially received the text of the Turkish proposals and defined its stand as the party directly concerned."



A resident of the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre points to an unexploded Israeli bomb left over from the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon. The bomb is marked off with rope and a flag to stop children from playing with it. (AP wirephoto)

Patriotic Front accepts call to attend Rhodesia conference

DAR ES SALAAM, April 15 (R). — Rhodesian guerrilla leaders negotiating with Britain and the United States agreed today to attend an all-party conference on Rhodesia but differences remained over the Anglo-American peace plan for a black majority rule.

Mr. Robert Mugabe and Mr. Joshua Nkomo, who head the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, accepted an invitation to the proposed conference in talks with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and British Secretary David Owen.

There was still dissent, however, on several key parts of the Rhodesia settlement proposals, sources said.

At the same time, the American spokesman, Mr. Hodding Carter, said the U.S. and Britain had narrowed substantive differences with the guerrilla leaders on some issues among the Anglo-American proposals for a peaceful transition to black majority rule in Rhodesia.

Unconditional acceptance by the Patriotic Front of the Anglo-American invitation to an all-party conference would mark a shift from the guerrilla leaders' previous stance. Only last night they said they would attend only if the conference were called on the basis of the Anglo-American proposals.

These call for the immediate replacement of Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith by a British resident commissioner — a condition Mr. Smith would immediately reject.

Mr. Smith and three "moderate" black leaders inside Rhodesia have already reached their own internal settlement and have now formed an interim multi-racial government leading to black majority rule.

A Syrian government spokesman said in Damascus yesterday that Syria did not interfere in the actions of the 30,000-man peace force and that the force received its orders from the Lebanese authorities.

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Israel confirms use of cluster bombs

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP). — National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski says the Israeli government has confirmed that its forces used U.S.-supplied cluster bombs in southern Lebanon in contradiction to previous assurances given to us.

In a letter to Representative Paul McCloskey, Brzezinski said the State Department has communicated to the Israeli government U.S. concern over the matter.

Other officials said the United States is seeking new and tighter restrictions over Israeli use of cluster bombs which, on impact, release a hall of grenade-sized weapons, each containing hundreds of steel shards. The anti-personnel weapon originally was developed for U.S. use in Vietnam.

Brzezinski's letter did not specify what regulations Israel had violated. Other officials said Israel had not observed

"airtight" curbs against use of the weapon on civilian targets and in military actions short of all-out war.

McCloskey, a California Republican, had complained that cluster bombs were supplied to Israel subject to an agreement that they only be used for defensive purposes.

In a "dear colleague" letter to all House members dated Monday, McCloskey expressed particular concern about the Israeli use of cluster bombs against civilian targets.

Israeli embassy officials denied that the weapon was used in such a manner, claiming that the targets were "entrenched artillery" of Palestinian forces, firing into northern galilee.

Doubts on army morale face new Israeli chief of staff

TEL AVIV, April 15 (R). — A new chief of staff takes command of the Israeli army tomorrow at a time when military morale is smarting over criticism at home and abroad of last month's invasion of southern Lebanon.

The outgoing chief, Lt.-Gen. Mordchai Gur, himself took over exactly four years ago when the army was demoralized by political and military mistakes connected with the 1973 October war.

His successor, Maj.-Gen. Raphael (Raful) Eitan, will have to cope with what has been widely interpreted as a drop in discipline among Israeli troops. This drop in discipline has been widely attributed to doubts about the wisdom of the Lebanese action and to doubts Prime Minister Menachem Begin's hardline insistence on Jewish rights in occupied Arab lands.

Two incidents during the southern Lebanon campaign illustrate the disciplinary problems with which Gen. Eitan will have to deal.

Six soldiers and a civilian took an army vehicle on a sightseeing tour and ran into a Palestinian ambush near the port city of Tyre. Four were killed and one captured, with only two managing to return to Israeli-held territory.

The "joy-ride" was described by Cabinet Secretary Arye Nevo as a clear breach of army discipline.

Shortly afterwards two soldiers were killed and others

wounded when an unauthorized soldier drove a half-track personnel carrier off a hilltop. He had not been trained to drive such a vehicle.

That incident was also described by the Israeli army radio as a flagrant breach of discipline. The radio also said the soldiers in the vehicle were not wearing their mandatory helmets.

In press interviews, Gen. Gur has also referred to looting by Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, saying the men involved would be court-martialed.

Private doubts

The Israel army has always prided itself on its unusual form of discipline, with soldiers obeying orders explicitly while calling senior officers by their first names.

Today, many young Israelis, whether in the regular army or in the reserves, say they will have no hesitation in fighting for the defence of the country.

But many admit in private conversation they might have doubts if called on to defend what the government calls Israeli rights in the occupied West Bank.

A recent mass rally in Tel Aviv under the slogan "peace now" was addressed by a group of reserve officers.

They carefully refrained from personal attacks on Mr. Begin, but all said they would be far happier if they knew they would be called up to defend Israel and not to fight over.

Lebanese, Syrians confer on moves to stabilise security

BEIRUT, April 15 (R). — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis conferred here today with an envoy of Syrian President Hafez Assad sent after five days of fighting in southeastern Beirut which involved Syrian troops. An uneasy calm continued in the area for the second day.

The fighting involved rightist militia in the predominantly Christian district of Ain Rummane, leftists in the neighbouring Moslem Shi'ite district and Syrian regulars trying to enforce peace.

The broadcast quoted the leader of a 30,000-strong Arab League peace force policing Lebanon's civil war zone.

At least 50 people were killed and 250 wounded in the five days of fighting. Hospital sources said they feared the death toll could rise. Some of the wounded were hit by shrapnel and were in a critical condition.

The rightists have accused the peace force of high-handed action in shelling Ain Rummane. The peace force said it was firing at snipers.

The Syrian president's envoy, Brig. Mohammad Al Khuli, was accompanied by the commander of the Arab peace force, Lt.-Col. Sami Al Khatib, at his meeting with the Lebanese leader.

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Red Brigades sentence Aldo Moro to death

TURIN, April 15 (R). — The Red Brigades guerrilla group said in a communiqué issued here tonight that it had completed the trial of kidnapped former Italian Premier Aldo Moro and had sentenced him to death.

The communiqué, picked up by police and reporters after anonymous calls to local media, said: "The interrogation of Aldo Moro is finished. There is no doubt, Aldo Moro is guilty and for that he is sentenced to death."

The bureau chief of the Italian news agency Ansa in Turin, who received the communiqué tonight and has handled Brigades statements for many years, said: "It is authentic."

The communiqué, released in Turin, Milan and Genoa, was the sixth issued by the Brigades since they kidnapped Signor Moro in Rome 30 days ago.

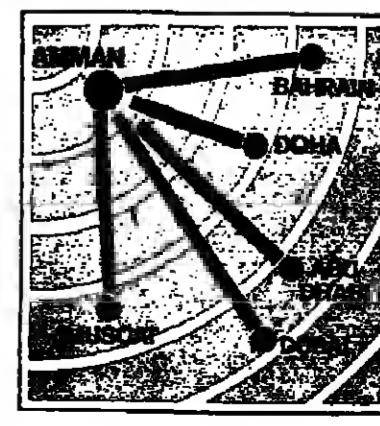
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(See earlier story, page 6).



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Mr. Waldheim's difficult visit

The visit to the Middle East of United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim will be used as an opportunity to discuss the dormant but not dead idea of a United Nations-sponsored conference as a prelude to resumption of a full-scale Geneva Middle East Peace Conference. Mr. Waldheim first proposed the idea in the wake of the Sadat visit to Jerusalem, but it did not receive full consideration, and still does not today, because the circumstances to hold a full peace conference with all the Arab parties present still do not exist. But Mr. Waldheim's discussions will serve a useful purpose, in that they will help focus attention once again on the long-term aims of all the would-be peacemakers in the Middle East picture. Concurrently, the Waldheim initiative will necessarily help focus yet more attention on the important fact that a full-scale conference is unlikely until one sees a more realistic negotiating position on the Israeli side.

No doubt, Mr. Waldheim will get manhandled, as he usually does in Israel, because the Israelis have no need for the United Nations, except when it provides convenient cover for them to sneak out of south Lebanon. But the fact that Mr. Waldheim will talk to the Israelis and several Arab states about the need to look forward to a reconvened Geneva conference will only put more pressure on the Israelis to admit that their negotiating posture is unrealistic, and unlikely to lead to anything called peace, security or quiet. Mr. Waldheim himself is not going to bring the Israelis to their senses, but he is important because he is part of a greater impetus that constantly finds its peace hopes dashed on the obstinacy and predatory character of Israel. Indeed, it is symbolic that Mr. Waldheim goes to Israel this week because United Nations troops have had to step in to end the Israeli occupation of yet another neighbouring Arab state's lands. Thus the Israelis will have even more reason than usual to give Mr. Waldheim a hard time, because his visit is a living symbol of Israel's intemperate warmongering.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAY observed Saturday that the Middle East crisis continues to receive top priority in the international endeavour to find a settlement by persuading Israel to come to terms with the requirements of peace. But, it is regrettable, the newspaper adds, that the Arabs seem to be unaware of these international peace efforts at a time when Israel continues to "swallow up Arab lands piecemeal, while the Arab reaction does not go beyond hollow statements of denunciation."

Hence Jordan's latest move focused on the importance of first building up the Arabs' own power before taking up the unending Arab differences.

AL DUSTOUR welcomes King Hussein's instructions for setting up a Jordanian National Consultative Council, which "although it does not enjoy the privileges and jurisdiction of a parliament, it will be a very important step towards revival of parliamentary life in Jordan which was brought to a standstill as a result of the 1967 disaster and the events which followed."

The newspaper urges the government to encourage free discussion inside the consultative council, because "it will be the first to derive an advantage from the interaction of opinions and viewpoints." It says that without this guarantee, the council might become a carbon copy of the government's way of thinking and a mere symbolic and hollow skeleton.

Centre for Arab Studies at Georgetown contributes to U.S. appreciation of Arab World

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, April 15 — A high-powered professorial delegation from the Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies, at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., is in Jordan this week to generate more Arab support for the Centre and to seek to build on the supporting activities that have been spearheaded in the Arab World by private companies in Jordan.

Mr. Peter Krogh, Dean of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Centre, told the Jordan Times in an interview here this week that a major goal of the three-year-old Centre is to "spread out support and funding throughout the Arab World," with a particular interest in setting non-governmental institutions and groups to provide support for the Centre, as has already been done by two major Jordanian institutions, the national airline Alia and the Amman-based Arab Bank.

Mr. Krogh is accompanied on this week-long trip by the Executive Director of the Centre, Dr. Michael Hudson, a prominent American expert on Middle

East politics, and Dr. Hisham Sharabi, a distinguished Palestinian scholar and historian, who is also editor of the Journal of Palestine Studies.

Making up for historic deficiency

The university-wide Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies was established "to make up for a historic deficiency in American studies on the contemporary, as opposed to the purely historic, aspects of the Arab World," Dr. Hudson said. While there are many other Middle East studies programmes throughout the United States, this is the only one with a contemporary orientation.

The Centre has been offering a "certificate" of Arab studies to undergraduate students at Georgetown University, but this year it starts offering a full two-year Masters of Art programme.

The first class of some 20 students working for their MA at the Centre will enter this September, which will probably accelerate the already active programme of public affairs, discussions, seminars, publications, exchange study programmes and general research that is carried out un-

der the aegis of the Centre. The Centre has received much of its financing to date from contributions from the Arab World, both grants from individual countries (such as Oman, Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and, most recently, Jordan); donations from private groups in the Arab World notably Alia and the Arab Bank to date; and private companies in the United States with a particular interest in the Arab World, such as oil companies or contractors with extensive interests in the Middle East.

Mr. Ali Ghandour, the Chairman of Alia, is also a member of the Centre's advisory council, and it was at his invitation that the three-man delegation has made this week's trip here, where they have met with His Majesty King Hussein, Crown Prince Hassan, Upper House Speaker Bahjat Talhouni, and other public and private sector personalities.

Fair share of hassles

The Centre has received some questioning in the United States because it receives financial support from Arab sources. Dean Krogh says that "there has been some criti-

cism of the concept of Arab studies, as opposed to Middle East studies, but we have been able to maintain our belief that Arab studies is justified by the fact of a clearly identifiable and defined Arab area and peoples; and we have also been challenged in our funding sources, with people claiming that we cannot be objective in our academic work if we are being funded by the people who are the object of our studies. But we do not accept that premise. We've had more than our fair share of hassles."

"There is a growing appreciation in the United States for the Arab World, and we see ourselves as being contributory to that general phenomenon. As a whole in the United States, there is a growing societal interest in this region, and we see the Centre's role over time as helping bring about an improved understanding between the United States and the Arab World," Dean Krogh says.

This is done in Georgetown by teaching, research and the very active public affairs programme, and will be spread into the Arab World increasingly over the coming years with an escalating exchange programme of students and faculty with Arab universities.



His Majesty King Hussein watches a display at a graduation ceremony for marine units of the Royal Guard Brigade and the Coast Guard in Aqaba Saturday held under his patronage. During the ceremony, the King heard a briefing on the special training course the unit has just completed. This included diving, water skiing and other related activities. The King also watched exercises performed by the graduates and later distributed diplomas and prizes to the graduates. The ceremony was attended by a number of high ranking army officers and several officials.

ILO information chief due here to follow up idea for film on Jordan

AMMAN, April 15 (JT). — Chief of the Public Information Bureau of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Office in Geneva, Mr. Kyriil Tidmarsh, arrives here tomorrow to follow up an idea for a film on United Nations activities in Jordan.

Mr. Tidmarsh will be accompanied by Dr. Stosic, president of the association of correspondents accredited to the United Nations at Geneva. The two will be on a brief visit to Jordan at the invitation of His Highness Prince Hassan, extended last June when the Prince was keynote speaker at the International Labour Conference in Geneva.

Mr. Tidmarsh will be meeting Prince Hassan to discuss the film during his stay here.

Mr. Tidmarsh will also be discussing the project for the film — which will portray Jordan's image as a rapidly developing country through the perspective of the activities of the United Nations here — with Mr. Shukri Dajani, Regional Information officer of the ILO for Arab Countries.

Mr. Dajani arrived in Amman today partly on a routine follow-up mission during which he will be meeting with officials of the Ministry of Information, Jordan T.V., Radio Jordan and the news media.

National News Roundup

Princess Basma opens bazaar

SUWEILAH, April 15 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma this afternoon opened a spring bazaar and display of handicrafts made by the handicapped, at the Swedish Personal Relief Institute here. Princess Basma told officials of the institute that the Queen Alia Fund for Social Work wanted to establish cooperation with the Swedish institute with a view of benefiting from the institution's long experience.

Agriculture minister meets visiting Australian official

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — Minister of Agriculture, Salih Juma' today met with the visiting director of agriculture in South Australia and discussed with him ways of cooperation between Jordan and Australia in agriculture, including technical training and the exchange of expertise. The minister also briefed the Australian official on progress in the rain-fed agricultural project now being carried out in the Irbid Governorate. The meeting was attended by the under-secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and department heads. The Australian visitor arrived in Jordan yesterday on a visit lasting several days during which he will tour a number of agricultural projects.

GOETHE INSTITUTE AMMAN

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HANS THUERWAECHTER

on Monday, April 17, 7.30 p.m.
 at the Haya Arts Centre has been cancelled

Economic development needs peace, Prince Hassan tells visiting U.S. war college team

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today met a visiting delegation from the U.S. National War College, Washington D.C.

At the meeting, held at the Royal Scientific Society, the Prince briefed the delegation on economic and social projects in Jordan's development plans. He also spoke of the different economic difficulties the country had to face following the 1967 Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

The meeting was attended by the American Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Director General of the Royal Scientific Society Dr. Albert Butros.

Earlier, the Commander in Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid ibn Shaker received the members of the delegation at his office and addressed them on the organisation and evolution of the Jordanian armed forces.

Refugees protest to Waldheim over UNRWA cutbacks

AMMAN, April 15 (R). — Representatives of Palestinian refugees in Jordan today complained against the planned reduction in the educational facilities and food rations supplied by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

In a memorandum addressed to the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, distributed here today, they described the planned reduction as "a stab in the back of the UNRWA."

The memorandum said that UNRWA wanted to close down preparatory classes in its schools, which would "throw out about 35,000 school children and render some 1,000 teachers jobless."

"This is a brand of shame to humanity," the refugees said.

They charged that the agency had taken its budget deficit as a pretext for the planned reduction and called on Dr. Waldheim to make all possible efforts to maintain the standards by which it operated so far, "which are minimal."

Economic and Business News

Jordan, Iraq discuss promoting trade exchange

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — Discussion for increasing and promoting trade exchanges between Jordan and Iraq began at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce here today. The possibility of raising the import quotas for the Jordanian and Iraqi trade centres was also debated. Sources at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said the two sides formed two working committees to negotiate increasing and encouraging trade exchange and overcoming difficulties in meeting the import quotas of the two trade centres. The Jordanian team in these talks was led by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Dr. Hashem Dabbas and the Iraqi team by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce Dr. Mahdi Al 'Ubeidi. Earlier in the morning, the Iraqi delegation was received by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Dr. Najmeddin Dajani.

Wheat deal with U.S. amended

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — An amended wheat agreement between the governments of Jordan and the United States was signed at the Ministry of Supply here today. Under the amended agreement, concluded last January, the United States will provide Jordan with an additional 3,500 tons of wheat, raising the total to 53,500 tons for the fiscal year 1978. The agreement provides that the United States will finance purchase of the wheat, valued at \$6.3 million in the form a loan payable within 20 years at two per cent profit for the first and second years and three per cent for the remaining years. The agreement was signed for Jordan by Minister of Supply Marwan Al Qasim and for the United States Ambassador Thomas Pickering. An official source at the Ministry of Supply said the ministry will sell the wheat to local mills and consumers in Jordanian currency. Revenues will go toward financing development projects in rural areas.

Jordanian-Syrian Customs Committee to iron out bugs in unified customs indices

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA). — The joint Jordanian-Syrian Customs Committee will meet in Amman on Tuesday, the under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Customs said here today. He said that the committee will iron out problems arising from the application of the unified indices for customs duties imposed on raw materials employed in similar industries in both countries.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Books Exhibit

The third exhibition of children's books is now running at the King Hussein Club on Jabel Amman. The exhibition is on for one week until Friday 21st.

Art Exhibition

An exhibition of paintings by artist Awad Sharqawi is on display at the teachers training institute in Salt. The exhibition ends Sunday evening.



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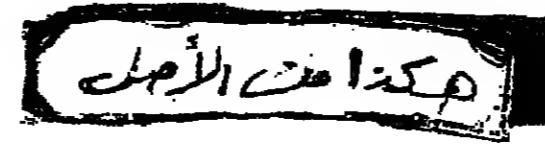
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WARNING

If you wait till after the Tawjiheh results are it will be almost impossible to get a place in a government college in Britain this year. If you wish to study in Britain, you should try to find a place now. Information is given at the British Council Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 12 noon.

Those who apply late will probably be able to get places only in the more expensive private colleges.



Jordan's industrial training centres try various approaches to cope with growing demand for skilled manpower

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 15 — The number of people being enrolled for industrial training in Jordan will double within three years, the Director of Technical Education, Mr. Munther Masri, told the Jordan Times recently.

To accommodate this expansion, five secondary technical schools, ten trade training centres and one polytechnic to be built by 1980. In addition to this a new programme of in-plant apprenticeship training is likely to be greatly expanded.

According to Jordan's Five Year Plan, the country needs to expand its 1976 work force more than 100,000 people by 1980. The most critical need, Mr. Masri said, is for people trained to technician level, graduates of a polytechnic and secondly for people trained to the slightly lower skilled level. Hence the great importance of technical training.

Between 1976 and 1980, 10,000 people should pass through two-year technical training courses in Jordan. In existing industrial schools there is an intake of 2,500 students for the year 1977/8.

There are two sorts of industrial training schools in Jordan at the moment. The trade training centres run two-year courses for students who have completed their nine years of compulsory education. The emphasis at the centres is heavily on practical work and the students are able to qualify at "skilled labour" level after a couple of years' experience in industry. There are also technical secondary schools, which offer a rather broader education over three years, train to craftsman level.

Apprenticeship schemes

you want to become a craftsman, however, you will not go to a technical school. You will probably join the trade by apprenticeship to someone in the business and spend the first couple of years sweeping up the shop and making the tea. It is a very efficient system.

While the Ministry of Education pursues its plans to expand technical education within formal institutions, a new association, independent of the ministry, has been set up to encourage on-the-spot apprenticeship training.

This is the third and last part of a series on vocational training in Jordan.



Some of the growing number of young Jordanians undergoing industrial training are taught to handle a machine at a centre in Amman.

\$20 m. will be spent on Aqaba training complex, second polytechnic at Zarqa

A joint tender will be put out by the end of May this year for the so-called Second Educational Project, which is expected to cost about \$20 million all in all.

The project includes a training complex at Aqaba, which will house a technical secondary school, a trade training centre and facilities for in-plant training. Among the subjects which the Aqaba centre plans to offer are industrial electricity, climatization, refrigeration, automechanics, instrumentation and control.

Also included in the package is Jordan's second polytechnic which will be sited at Zarqa and offer courses in textiles and food technology among other things. A hotel school is planned for Amman, with an expected 310 graduates a year. A rural development centre in the Jordan Valley, three comprehensive schools and 16 "additions" to existing schools, are also included in the project.

The World Bank is putting up a loan of \$6 million to help finance the project. It is planned to have all the institutions in operation by September 1980.

At this point in the interview Mr. Masri stops being an official from the Ministry of Education and puts on his other hat to become the general manager of the little known Vocational Training Corporation.

The corporation has been in existence since May of last year. But there is not very much of it to be seen. It has possession of two sparsely-furnished rooms on the fifth floor of the Ministry of Labour. And most of its employees are out in factories where they belong.

Factory class-rooms

In effect the corporation runs a system of partnership with industry. The government provides the teachers, curricula and standards for training and the private sector pays the trainees and the teachers and provides most of the facilities. The trainees spend 70 per cent of their time in industry. They are subject to labour law and eligible for the normal industrial insurance schemes.

The response from industry has so far been enthusiastic.

Tourism development official studies British tourism expertise

LONDON, April 15 (LPS) — The Director of Investment and Development of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in Amman, Mr. Abdul Qader Yousef Shuman, will be returning to Jordan April 17 after taking part in a three month course in Britain on tourism planning.

The studies, run by the Project Planning Centre at Bradford University, Northern England, were attended by top management executives in the tourism field from thirteen countries. Mr. Shuman was sponsored by the British Council.

He commented: "There is no doubt that the course is absolutely first class. It certainly has been very beneficial to me. Of particular importance was the work we did on procedures to evaluate and analyse tourism projects.

"In Jordan, our development of the industry is running on

target, but now in our five year plan it is imperative that every new project is subjected to the most rigorous scientific evaluation, taking into account social cost benefit analysis along lines that the Project Planning Centre has developed with such refinement.

It was very valuable also to spend so much time with professional colleagues from other countries, and to get a different slant on the appraisal of projects through their eyes as it relates to their own internal circumstances.

"We have had some excellent visits to tourism operations in the north of England during the run of the course, and a particularly useful week in London where we discussed marketing operations with the major British tourism organisations and representatives of the media and package tour operators."

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because it is so difficult to get hold of skilled manpower. The government's regulations covering apprentices are strict and of course expensive, but after one year's training an apprentice is about 50 per cent productive for his employer.

So far arrangements have been fixed up with one government department and five firms, specialising in textiles, electrical goods, wood, metal and automechanics. Others are under negotiation.

One advantage of this approach to vocational training is that you can be more confident that you are training people for jobs that really need to be done. The Ministry of Education traditionally depends on statistics and projections on future demand but these tend to be less reliable than the judgment of firms who are paying for the training themselves.

Another advantage is that because trainees only spend a third of their time in formal institutions, training facilities can serve a larger number of people.

The corporation has so far been making use of Ministry of Education facilities. But it has recently put in a bid for its own training centres. This is a project which might be financed by the European Commission, but final decision is not expected before the summer.

A brighter future

One critical problem remains that of finding suitably qualified teachers. There seems no way to stop the brain drain to the oil rich states. So as from the beginning of this year, the government has started training three times as many technical teachers as it needs, Mr. Masri said. Last year 70 were qualified; this year the figure will be nearer 120. Most of the expansion has taken place at the new polytechnic at Zarqa.

Technical training in Jordan has been going through a rather strained period in the recent past, but with all the expansion that is planned "the future", Mr. Masri said, "is much brighter".

The response from industry has so far been enthusiastic

Tourism development official studies British tourism expertise

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Coming & Going...

Omani economic delegation arrives

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA) —

A three-man Omani economic delegation led by Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance in Muscat Mohammad Musa arrived here today on a four-day visit to Jordan. The delegation later met with Minister of Finance Mohammad Dabbas and then discussed financial cooperation with a Jordanian team headed by Under-Secretary of the Finance Ministry Farhi Obeid.

U. of J. official back from food conference in Kuwait

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA) —

Deputy head of the Geography Section at the University of Jordan Dr. Hassan Abdul Qader has returned here after taking part in a conference on food problems in the Arab World held in Kuwait last week. Participants in the five-day conference discussed some 45 subjects which covered all aspects of food production in the Arab World.

U.S. Anglican Church leaders in Jordan

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA) —

A group comprising the heads of a number of Anglican churches in the United States arrived here today for a several day visit to Jordan. The group came here from Egypt where they started a fact finding tour of the Middle East. During their stay in Jordan the members of the group will tour a number of archeological and touristic sites and will meet with a number of officials.

Delegates from Arab capitals, U.N. to attend conference here

CAIRO, April 15 (JNA) —

The Arab Cities Organisation will hold a conference here on July 17 to discuss problems of Arab capitals and the development of Arab cities. Participants in the conference will include representatives of Arab capitals, ministries of education, social affairs and youth departments as well as university professors, and delegates from the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef).

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Japanese yen (for every 100) 140.30/141.10
Dutch guilder 141.80/142.70
Belgian franc (for every ten) 97.10/97.70
Swedish crown 67.00/67.40

Experts meet to draft plan for integrating West Asian women in development process

By Alan Martiny
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 15 — A five-day preparatory meeting for the Regional Conference for Arab Women was opened here today by Mr. Assam Ajlouni, Minister of Labour. The meeting, attended by delegates from seven Arab countries, the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), is being held in preparation for the regional conference scheduled to be held in Amman from May 28 to June 3.

Delegates at today's Expert Group Meeting elected officers and discussed a Draft Proposal presented by the ECWA Secretariat for a Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women in Development in the Countries of Western Asia.

Mrs. Iman Mufti, former head of Jordan's Department for Women's Affairs and president of today's meeting, said "the aim of the conference is to prepare a concrete plan of practical action for improving women's role in development."

"We aim to devise practical action-oriented programmes which can be put into effect, not merely guidelines," she said.

According to Mrs. Mufti the plan of action will cover the 14 Arab nations in the ECWA region.

Mrs. Mufti said, "the Regional Conference for Arab Wo-

men was initiated by a combination of the U.N. Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, ECWA and the Jordanian government."

Mrs. Lena Hamadi, the UN. delegate, said that originally the meeting was to be held in Beirut but due to the political situation in Lebanon it was moved to Amman. The Lebanese delegates were not present, she noted.

Miss Hamadi said that the delegates representing each country were experts and heads of women's organisations best representing the views of their government.

Countries involved in the preparatory meeting are Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Kuwait, Palestine and Iraq.

Prince Hassan addresses American clergymen on obstacles to M.E. peace



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan meets with visiting U.S. clergymen in his office at the Royal Hashemite Court Saturday.

AMMAN, April 15 (JNA) — The settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict depends on Israel's recognising the right of Palestinians to self-determination and its withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan told a group of U.S. clergymen who represent 40 million American Christians.

Prince Hassan explained that Israel is trying to divert the attention of the Western World from the basic problem through military adventures and propaganda campaigns. He cited the Israeli occupation of south Lebanon and the Israeli campaign against the American sale of arms to Egypt and Saudi Arabia as two examples.

On Jordan's point of view on a Middle East settlement, His Highness explained that Jordan does not have a working plan but that a settlement to the problem lies in Israel's withdrawal and in removing the Israeli settlements from Arab lands, giving the Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip the right to self-determination and to return to their lands or receive compensation for them.

The Prince then spoke about Arab-Israeli peaceful coexistence in the past and until the emergence of the Zionist movement. He said that the Palestinians must not be made to pay for Europe's persecution of the Jews. Israel is oppressing the people in the occupied lands through deportation, Israeli domination of the economy of the occupied territories, the Judaization of school curricula and freezing Islamic laws, Prince Hassan added.

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British trade deficit figures accent fears over future prospects

LONDON, April 15 (AP). — Britain has announced its second-largest monthly trade deficit of the year, underlying growing fears in the business community about the country's economic prospects. The Department of Trade yesterday reported that Britain had a visible trade deficit for March of £264 million (about \$488 million).

The figures were much worse than the financial community expected. But the Labour government described them as "erratic and bad" and said that no conclusions should be drawn from one month.

The figures come just three days after the government announced its budget for the new fiscal year. The budget cut taxes to inflate the economy by £2.5 billion, (around \$4.62 billion). But the package fell short of what was hoped for by the unions and industrialists.

Britain entered March with a visible trade surplus of £20 million (\$34.8 million) from February.

But exports fell by £169 million (\$31.6 million) to £2.83 billion pounds (\$5.23 billion), while imports jumped £175

million pounds (\$323.7 million) to a record £3.1 billion pounds (\$5.7 billion).

The resulting deficit is partially offset by an estimated £100-million (\$185-million) surplus on invisible items such as shipping, banking and tourism.

March's trade performance is the worst since last July,

More oil hits French coast

BREST, France April 15 (AP). — More than 96 kms. of Brittany beaches have been affected by a new onslaught of crude oil from the wrecked supertanker Amoco Cadiz during the past 24 hours, the French navy said yesterday. Between Portlais and Plouescat, beaches cleaned only recently of the oil spilled after the March 17 wreck were inundated for the second time and littered with the remains of thousands of fish and seabirds killed by the pollution. High winds and heavy seas shifted the oil slick back towards the coast after it had drifted far out to sea. Two French army battalions have now joined several thousands soldiers already at work cleaning the polluted beaches.

Israeli cost of living up

TEL AVIV, April 15 (R). — Israel's cost of living increased 3.7 per cent in March, the highest rise in four months. A Central Bureau of Statistics spokesman said the index had risen by 50 per cent in the past 12 months, and by over 27 per cent since the government introduced a floating Israeli pound at the end of October. The spokesman forecast similar increases during the coming months due to an increase in government service fees.

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP). — The long-depressed stock market, suddenly infused with enthusiasm, erupted this past week in a powerful rally that broke trading-volume records at the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials climbed 25.55 points to 795.13 for its sharpest weekly rise this year.

The biggest chunk of that rise -- 19.92 points -- came yesterday in the heaviest trading in New York Stock Exchange history.

Volume for the day reached 52.28 million shares, eclipsing the previous record of 44.51 million set on Feb. 20, 1976.

The full week's turnover of 160.07 million shares was the

heaviest since late February two years ago.

The New York Stock Exchange Composite Index joined in the festivities with a 1.89 rise to 51.93. And the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index, already at a 4 1/2-year high as the week began, picked up another 2.88 to 134.69.

Some of the market's most memorable rallies have come as reactions to dramatic news events. The Dow posted its biggest single-day gain on record, a 32.93-point rise, on an August Monday a few years ago after then-President Nixon had made a Sunday night television appearance to announce a new economic programme that included a wage-price freeze and a devaluation of

the dollar.

But this time there was no single, prominent reason for the outburst of fireworks. Instead, analysts drew a more complex picture of what seemed to have happened:

The market had been building up strength for several weeks with an unspectacular but steady upturn after the Dow hit a three-year low of 742.12 on Feb. 28.

What was most important about that upswing, brokers said, was that it occurred in the face of gloomy news on inflation and other economic problems.

Watching this week-by-week improvement in the market's tone, money managers at investing institutions who had been building up large reserves of cash evidently decided

they were more in danger of missing a rally than of being hurt by further declines.

There had been considerable concern, meanwhile, among Wall Streeters that the market might take a new spill if investors were disappointed by President Carter's anti-inflation message on Tuesday.

But even though Carter proposed no dramatic new steps, the market held fairly steady.

International Business Machines' report of only a 2.7 per cent first quarter earnings gain at mid-week also seemed potentially upsetting to investors, but again the market took the news calmly.

By Thursday, stock prices had begun climbing. And once the advance began to gather

momentum, the economic news began to fall into place with a more cheerful look.

The dollar rallied in Europe, the Federal Reserve reported a much smaller rise in the money supply than most analysts had projected, easing fears of tighter credit, automakers posted strong early-April sales reports, and industrial production figures from the government were the best in a year.

The Stock Market's seeming revival isn't the only bright development for the securities industry lately. Figures compiled recently by the Fed showed that households -- that is, individual investors -- bought more common stock than they sold in 1977 after two decades of net sales.

Settlement of U.S. coal miners' strike seen as inflationary

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP). — The new American coal miners' contract is inflationary, will raise most home electric bills and increase the cost of steel products, the Carter administration's wage-price monitoring agency said yesterday.

The Council on Wage and Price Stability said the three-year, 37 per cent increase in wages and benefits won by the United Mine Workers Union in the strike settlement is costly. However, it said some big increases were needed to attract new workers into the industry.

In another report, the Federal Reserve Board said American industrial production rose sharply last month despite the coal strike, which ended on March 27. The output of the nation's mines, factories and utilities rose 1.6 per cent, the biggest jump since March 1977, and a sign the winter slump may be ending.

Among a host of other developments marking the end of the week, during which President Jimmy Carter announced new inflation-fighting initiatives, were these:

The Commerce Department reported that businesses increased their inventories by \$2.5 billion in February, but they were selling goods at a faster rate.

Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal and presidential Press Secretary Jody Powell denied reports that Carter is considering reducing his proposed \$25-billion tax cut.

There was a sharp boost in prices on the New York Stock Exchange amid heavy trading that broke volume records. However, analysts said no single factor accounted for the increase.

In its report to the president, the wage-price council said the biggest impact of the coal settlement will be on two major users of the energy resource -- electric utilities and the steel industry.

The cost of producing steel will increase \$2.09 per ton, or 0.5 per cent, in the first year, and \$3.85 over three years, the report said.

"Much of the cost resulted from the bankrupt condition of the health and benefit funds," it said. "Coal production in recent years has been expanding rapidly, and larger-than-annual wage rate increases were needed to attract new workers into the industry."

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

National League champions score win

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP). — Left-hander Tommy John limited Atlanta to six hits and Ron Cey drove in two runs yesterday as the defending National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers opened their home season with a 5-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

John had the Braves hitting the ball on the ground most of the day. The Los Angeles Outfield recorded only four putouts.

Cey gave the Dodgers a 1-0 lead in the first inning with an infield hit, driving home Dave Lopes with an unearned run. Reggie Smith and Cey opened the sixth with consecutive doubles, knocking out Atlanta starter Dick Ruthven and making it 3-1.

Rick Monday's third home run of the season in the second inning and run-scoring singles by Steve Harvey and Dusty Baker in the sixth and eighth innings produced Los Angeles' other runs. Gary Matthews accounted for Atlanta's only run with a home run in the fourth.

In other National League day action, Larry Bittner slugged a home run on the first pitch in the ninth inning to lead the Chicago Cubs past the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4.

Lenny Randle double home the tie-breaking run in the 10th inning as the New York Mets spoiled the Montreal Expos' home opener with a 3-2 decision.

Baseball standings and results after Friday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	—
Detroit	2	2	.500	1
Boston	3	3	.500	2
Cleveland	3	3	.500	3
New York	4	4	.500	3
Toronto	2	4	.333	3
Baltimore	1	5	.167	4

WEST:

Kansas City	4	1	.800	1/2
Oakland	6	2	.750	1
California	5	3	.625	1
Chicago	4	3	.571	1
Minnesota	5	5	.500	2
Texas	2	4	.333	3
Seattle	2	8	.200	3

Friday's games:

Toronto 10, Detroit 8

Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 5

Boston 5, Texas 4, 10 innnings

Minnesota 14, Seattle 5

Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1

Oakland 2, California 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
New York	5	3	.625	—
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1/2
St. Louis	4	3	.571	1/2
Chicago	4	3	.571	1/2
Montreal	2	4	.333	2
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286	2 1/2

WEST:

Cincinnati	7	1	.875	—
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	1 1/2
San Francisco	4	3	.571	2 1/2
San Diego	2	4	.333	3
Houston	2	6	.250	5
Atlanta	1	5	.167	5

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Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 4

New York 3, Montreal 2

Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 1

Cincinnati 8, Houston 4

Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 3

San Francisco 3, San Diego 2

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gemini (May 21 to June 21) Go after that added data you need to make a new project successful. Strive for increased happiness in the future.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you pay off all bills now, you can go ahead and make plans to have greater abundance in the future. Be optimistic.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Develop that idea you have. It could give added income in the days ahead. Stay at home tonight and rest up for the coming week.

IRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Allow time for spiritual needs that will reveal how best to live your life in the future. Take no risks with your reputation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contacting good friends can assist you in gaining personal wishes is wise. Show increased devotion for loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contact influential sons who can help you in a new project you have in mind. Use care in motion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study the right steps that can guide your behavior in the future. The odds are favorable now for much happiness with mate.

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ANNAHARIS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Try to cooperate more with allies by understanding their ideas better. Improve your relationship with family members.

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Ford is hit with a string of legal actions over its pint-size - and deadly - Pinto

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES (F.T.) — The Ford Motor Company's \$125 million headache is growing worse. On the heels of the largest personal injury award in history — to 18-year old Richard Grimshaw for the burns he suffered when the Pinto "sub-compact" car in which he was riding burst into flames after an accident in Los Angeles — the company is being hit with a string of new legal actions. They are all aimed at the hapless Pinto, which jury foreman Andrew Quinn described as "a lousy, unsafe product".

Mr. Quinn said the Los Angeles jury, in making this huge award, "wanted to make sure Ford wouldn't design cars this way again". The plaintiffs charge that Ford deliberately fitted the Pinto with poorly designed petrol tanks which ruptured on light im-

pacts. The company knew the design was dangerous, jurors ruled, but went ahead with it anyway to cut costs.

Ford has already lost three similar Pinto fuel-tank cases recently, the largest award being three million dollars in 1976. Now it faces a class action suit to force the firm to recall 1971-76 Pintos at the company's expense, and a \$10 million damage suit filed in a Fresno, California, court by the widow of a man whose Pinto burst into flames when rear-ended on the highway by another car.

The class action suit was filed in Los Angeles this month on behalf of some three million Pinto owners who are driving today with the allegedly dangerous tank. These and 20 other Pinto suits, pending against Ford, backed by nationally publicized findings of a Ralph Nader study declaring the car unsafe, have

Ford's compact Pinto car — described by a juror as "a lousy, unsafe product" — has landed the company with enormous damages, with more trouble to come. To cut costs, the manufacturers put the petrol tank behind the rear axle — and in a smash the differential housing acts like a can-opener.

caused an uproar in the automotive industry.

Experts believe the \$125 million punitive damages (with a further \$3.5 million in compensatory awards) will be reduced on appeal. Ford officials call the sum "unreasonable and unwarranted", while the president of the American Insurance Association has denounced it as "cruel and unusual punishment".

But many Americans are welcoming the California jury's attempt to make the industry — as Mr. Quinn put it — "sit up and take notice".

The company's own records, produced in court, showed that as early as 1972 (the year of Grimshaw's accident), Ford engineers reported, on the basis of a cost-versus-benefit analysis, that it would not be "cost effective" to make alterations in the controversial fuel tank, although extra protection measures could have been provided for about \$11 per car. One witness, Mr. Harry Copp, a retired Ford engineer critical of Pinto design, referred to Ford memos indicating that a delay of two years in making these changes could save the company millions of dollars.

But what may have tipped the balance in the jury's mind was a 1970 film, made by Ford, of the Pinto's last test before being declared roadworthy. The car was backed into a wall at 20 mph, "and the gas tank just seemed to explode," said one juror later.

"The fluid in that case wasn't flammable," said an attorney. "In a smash that housing acts like a can-opener."

Insurers are protesting vigorously against the soaring sums being awarded in personal injury cases these days. The insurance industry has mounted an aggressive publicity campaign to "alert Americans to the dangers". Advertisements in Time, the Wall Street Journal and other publications point to "windfall awards" — 145 of them for more than one million dollars in the last five years — and warn that the public, including jurors, will foot the bill through higher premiums.

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Canada may soon have the largest commercial tidal power station

The world's first commercial tidal power station could be generating electricity in five years if a scheme to harness the largest known reserve of this form of energy gets the expected go-ahead.

By Kenneth Sharpe

OTTAWA, (WFS) — The Canadian Government is deciding whether to go ahead with a huge energy scheme to harness the world's largest reserve of tidal power, in the Fundy Bay area of Nova Scotia on Canada's Atlantic seaboard.

A positive decision seems more likely after a recent announcement by the country's Energy Minister, Mr. Allastair Gillespie, that he is planning to spend a massive \$555,000 million over the next decade on developing Canada's energy resources, including tidal power.

The Fundy Bay scheme would be by far the largest of

its kind in the world and would represent a revolution in energy technology. So far only France and the USSR have tidal power stations in operation, both of which are experimental in nature and generate only minute quantities of power.

The output from the Canadian tidal power station would be 4,000 times greater than from the Russian one at Murmansk, the largest in operation at the moment.

Promising outlook

Prominent Gerald Regan of Nova Scotia says the outlook appears promising. One of the considerations uppermost in his mind must be the prospect of 10,000 new jobs created by the project in one of the most underdeveloped provinces of Canada where the unemployment rate is one in four in some parts.

The Bay of Fundy is formed by a large breach in the land, separating Nova Scotia from New Brunswick. The Atlantic Ocean sweeps into the Gulf of Maine and around the southern tip of Nova Scotia almost 160 kms. up the Bay of Fundy, creating a powerful high tide of 10.8 metres at the top of the bay. That is exactly two metres higher than the world's second-largest tidal range, in Britain's Severn Estuary, where high tides reach 8.8 metres. There, too, a scheme to harness the power of the tide is under consideration.

Plans for the Fundy Bay tidal power project would involve constructing either one single dam eight kms. long across the bay or two smaller dams further up the bay where it divides into two sections.

The power output would be as high as 4,000 megawatts, comparing favourably with a modern-day conventional power station burning fossil fuel. Each megawatt of power generated would represent an investment of one million dollars. The estimate for the eight-kilometre dam is \$4,000 million, and for the two

smaller dams, each producing 1,000 megawatts, \$2,000 million each. Therefore, on the balance sheet alone, the eight-kilometre dam appears better value for money, and it remains the most attractive of the alternatives, providing sales of energy to the United States can be ensured.

The advantages of eternally renewable energy supplies are obvious and have been so evident since 1944, when the first serious study of harnessing tidal power in Canada was carried out. The 1973 oil crisis served as a reminder of those advantages and also increased the cost of fossil fuel to a point where tidal power became competitive with conventional electricity costs.

Problems

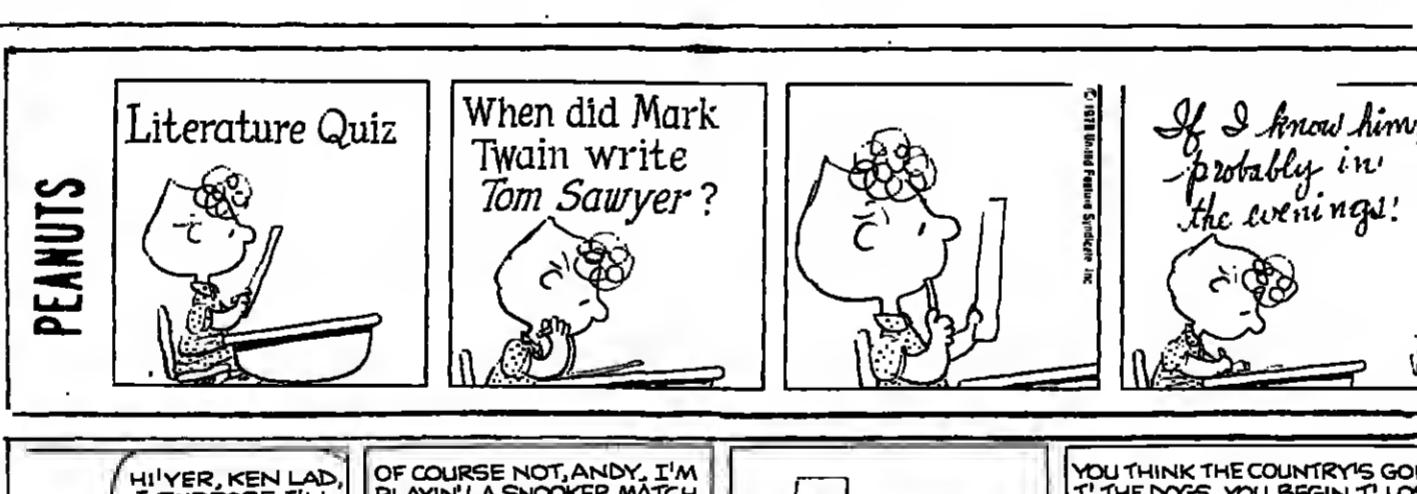
Tidal power does, however, pose many problems. There are fears that the soft mud bottom of the bay might slowly slit up the turbines, gradually reducing output over the years. And the height of tides can vary substantially, producing large fluctuations in the output of the power station. Sometimes the electricity generated could be far more than necessary, and at other times the output could fall short of demand. Electricity consumers are unlikely to tailor their peak demand periods, such as cooking the evening meal, to suit a high tide.

One of the solutions to this sort of problem is to store the rising tide in artificial lakes which could keep the turbines rotating after the natural tide has receded. But an enormous amount of water would have to be stored. The engineers reckon that it would take 1,500 tons of water to generate one kilowatt of electricity.

Nevertheless, the engineers are ready to start work, and the world's first commercial tidal power station could be generating power in five years. Those who want Canada to pioneer tidal power technology argue that compared with a proposed expenditure of \$180,000 million on energy development over the next 20 years, the \$4,000 million bill for the Fundy Bay scheme begins to look like no more than a drop in the ocean.

THE BETTER HALF

By Barnes



In new communique

Red Brigades admit killing jail guard, keep silent on Moro

TURIN, Italy, April 15 (R). — The urban guerrilla kidnappers of former Italian Premier Aldo Moro broke a week of silence today with a communique claiming responsibility for the murder of a prison guard. The four-page communique, found in a phone box in a Turin suburb, said Red Brigades gunmen killed the guard Lorenzo Cutogno on Tuesday because he was a "sadist and thug". The Brigades also referred to the "proletariat trial" of Signor Aldo Moro whom they kidnapped on March 16, but they gave no new details about the former premier's fate.

The far-left Red Brigades tipped Italy's ANSA news agency that their new communique could be found in the telephone box.

In it, they admitted that Cristoforo Piancone, 28, dumped outside a Turin hospital

S. Africa wants U.S.-U.K.

assurance over Namibia

PRETORIA, April 15 (R). — South African Foreign Minister P. W. Botha is expected to seek firm assurances of an enforceable ceasefire in South West Africa (Namibia) when he meets his British and U.S. counterparts here tomorrow, informed sources said today.

British Foreign Secretary David Owen and U.S. Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, will fly in from Dar es Salaam and spend the night here before going on to Salisbury on the latest Anglo-American push for a peaceful Rhodesian settlement.

Over a working dinner here with Mr. Botha, they are expected to seek South African support for a new all-party conference on Rhodesia including guerrilla leaders - whom they met in Dar es Salaam - and the men who have formed a multi-racial interim government in Salisbury.

But from South Africa's vi-

ewpoint, Namibia is even more pressing. Hanging in the balance is the West's detailed formula for independence in the South African-ruled territory - a formula based on a year of discussions with South Africa and with SWAPO, the black nationalist movement which is waging guerrilla war there.

Neither South Africa nor SWAPO has yet accepted or rejected the plan for internationally-acceptable independence, drawn up by a five-nation Western "contact group" (the United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany).

Diplomatic sources believe that both sides are playing a waiting game, anxious not to be blamed for wrecking the plan.

South Africa has asked its administrator general in Namibia to assess local reaction to the Western plan before it gives its answer to the contact group.

at wounded Piancone was to be treated as a prisoner of war and that hospital and law officials were held personally responsible for his life.

Cutogno was a guard at the Turin jail where 15 Red Brigades guerrillas now on trial are held.

"He was known throughout the prison for his sadism and he was a member of the notorious thugs' squad," the Brigades said today.

The communique attacked Italian authorities for their treatment of those it described as "prisoners of war".

It then compared their condition with the confinement of Signor Moro.

"There is a certain honourable member of parliament (Aldo Moro) who is locked up in a people's prison where he is being subjected to a proletarian trial for the politics that he and his class have developed over the last 30 years," the Brigades statement said. "Only today does the bourgeoisie seem to be learning about prison and its deprivation of freedom and the human solitude of the prisoner," the statement continued.

The hunt for Signor Moro continued today with no sign of a significant breakthrough, and the new communique only added to the impression that the Brigades were still comfortably outwitting the police.

They have issued six communiques, often simultaneously in four cities, since they grabbed Signor Moro and killed his five guards in a bloody ambush in Rome.

SOUTH BEND, Indiana, April 15 (AP). — The U.S. government is not being fair to all parties in the Middle East, says an American Jewish leader who contends that American policy is aggravating tensions in the area.

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There was no Vatican comment on the chamber's approval of the bill.

Italian parliament allows abortion for women over 18

ROME, April 15 (AP). — The Italian Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, approved last night one of Europe's most liberal abortion bills. The bill now goes to the Senate where it faces stiff opposition.

After a marathon 33-hour session marked by the exhaustion and collapse of a woman deputy, the chamber voted 308-275 for the bill that allows women over 18 to procure free abortion in the first 90 days of pregnancy. Currently, abortion is illegal for any reason.

The bill cleared the chamber despite opposition from the ruling Christian Democratic Party and a firm anti-abortion campaign by the Roman Catholic Church.

Christian Democrat Secretary General Benito Zaccagnini said his party opposed the bill on grounds of "moral principles" and added in apparent reference to kidnapped party President Aldo Moro:

"In these dramatic days, the Christian Democrats will continue their devotion to saving the life of everyone -- young or old, born or unborn -- from all violence by anybody."

The bill passed after the

four-member Radical Party ceased its filibuster. The party claimed that the bill is not liberal enough.

The bill would permit women to undergo abortion for physical, economic, social or psychological reasons. She must consult a doctor and, if she wishes, her partner, but the final decision is hers in the first 90 days.

After that, abortion would be allowed if a doctor finds that continued pregnancy poses serious health hazards to the woman or her baby.

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The first of 461 political prisoners to be released from Rhodesian jails wave from a bus as they leave Wha Wha Prison in Gwelo this week. The men, who had been imprisoned for from one to 13 years are waving to Africans who were visiting other detainees yet to be released. (AP wirephoto).

American Jewish leader accuses Carter of unfairness to Israel

Carter was also accused of giving different treatment to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat during recent visits to the United States.

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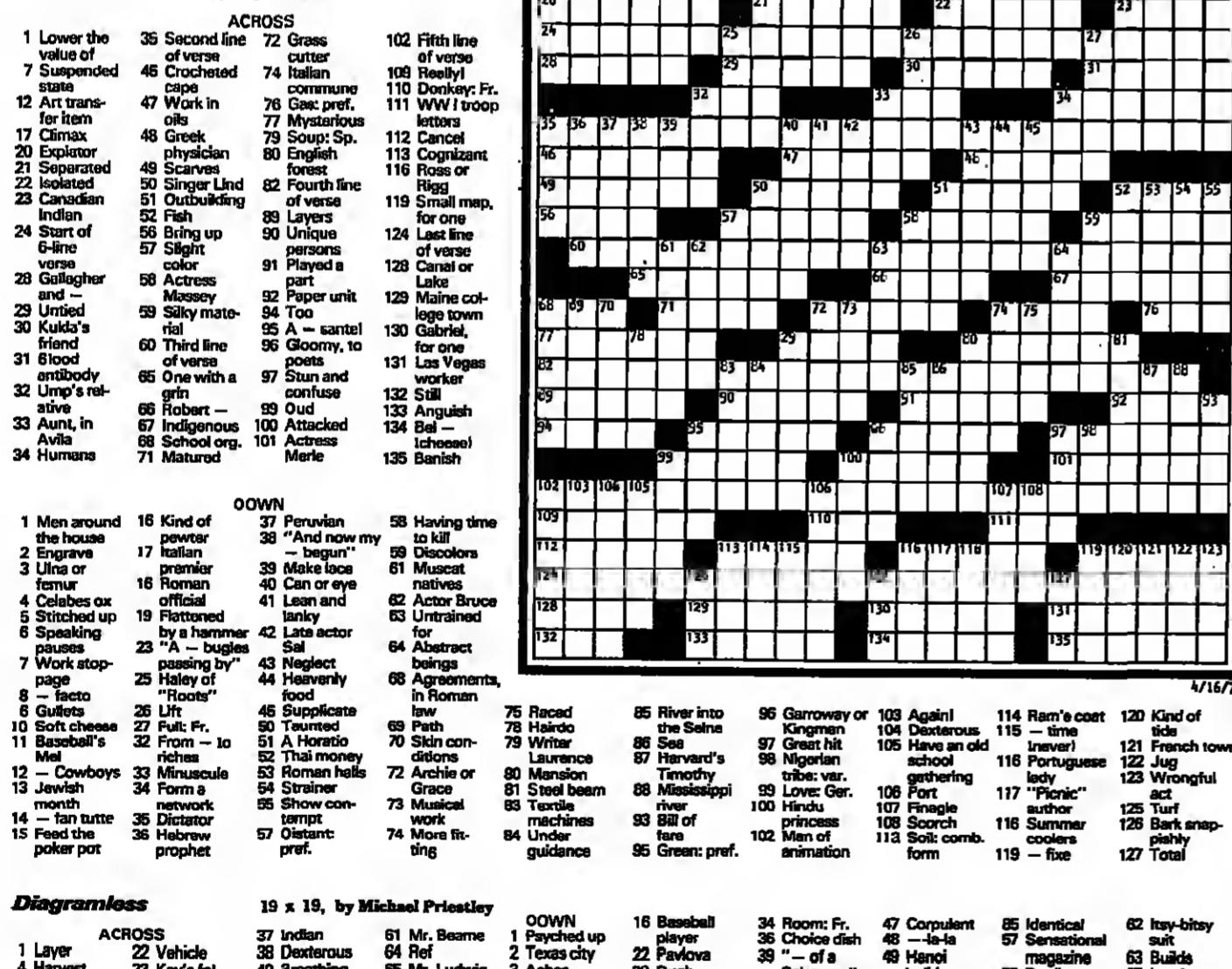
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FIGURATIVE VERSE

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GORED BRIDGE

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♦ Q 93

♥ A 42

♦ J 3

+ KJ 865

WEST

♦ 8 54

♥ J 963

♦ K Q 10875 ♦ 962

+ 3 32 + Q 94

SOUTH

+ AKJ 1076

♦ K 5

♦ A 4

+ A 107

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass

6 ♦ Pass 7 Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦.

A two-way finesse is a treacherous holding, for it's always difficult to guess which defender has the missing honor. The best method of tackling such a combination is to find a line that eliminates the finesse completely.

South took a direct route to the optimum contract. Once his partner supported spades, South knew exactly where he wanted to play the band.

West led the king of diamonds, and when dummy appeared, it seemed that de-

clarer would have to rely on the club finesse for his contract. To complicate life, he could play either defender for the missing lady.

Closer analysis revealed that a strip and end play could guarantee the contract. The opening lead marked the queen of diamonds with West. If trumps were 2-2, declarer could draw trumps, eliminate hearts, and then throw West in with the queen of diamonds to force an advantageous lead.

Accordingly, declarer won the ace of diamonds and drew two rounds of trumps. He wasn't too concerned that the suit split 3-1, because it was West who showed out on the second trump. That meant that a partial elimination would succeed.

Declarer cashed the king and ace of hearts, then ruffed a heart, stripping that suit from both his hand and dummy. Now West was given the lead when declarer exited with a diamond.

West was faced with a choice of unhappy plays. If he returned a red suit, declarer would ruff with dummy's remaining trump while discarding a club from his hand. If West shifted to clubs, it would eliminate declarer's guess in that suit and present him with three club tricks. Either way, the slam was assured.

UNDOB

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MEERB

FROMIN

NUCHEQ

Print answer here: SO



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Tuesday

Yesterday's Jumbles: MINCE AIDED LATEST NEEDLE

Answer: Central feature of ABSOLUTE DICTATORIAL rule—“EDICT”

THE Daily Crossword

by Edward M. Gallen, Jr.